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## Bringing Ore from Chile For Mills of Bethlehem Is no Cinch for Seamen

**Modern Production Methods in Vivid  
Contrast with Backward  
Conditions  
Of Shipping Company Wage Slaves**

BALTIMORE—(WNS)—The ore ships on the east coast are the Ore Stagesships this plying between Baltimore and Cruz Grande. The conditions are as bad as they ever were. The crew is mismanaged and dished up hot style.

## Duluth Youth 26 Per Cent Unemployed

**Report Shows Young  
Workers Confronted  
With Tough Problem**

DULUTH, Minn.—(WNS)—A recent report released by the Works Projects Administration's division of special research on the critical youth situation in the United States, particularly in the Duluth area.

Over 30,000 young people were interviewed in seven representative cities and the survey shows Duluth had the dubious record of paying the lowest weekly wage among all the other cities studied—St. Paul, San Francisco, Denver, St. Louis, Birmingham, Ala., and Beaumont, N. Y.

Although Birmingham, Ala., reported lower wages than Duluth—\$7.51 in contrast to the average weekly wage in the white division was \$16.14 in Birmingham and \$15.61 in Duluth.

Unemployment found Duluth high with 26 per cent except for the Negro section in Birmingham which had 27 per cent.

The survey revealed:

Seattle paid \$18.57 per week, had 22 per cent unemployed; San Francisco, \$20.06 and 19 per cent; unemployed; Denver, \$16.59 and 16 per cent unemployed; St. Louis, \$16.32 and 21 per cent unemployed; St. Paul, Birmingham, \$16.14 and 22 per cent unemployed; and Birmingham, \$16.99 and 17 per cent unemployed.

## Negroes Get Slight Break in AFL Union

CHICAGO—After a year-long fight against union Jim-crowism and employment discrimination, 229 Negro employees of the Palmer Cafeteria secured their first contract in a major Chicago hotel for Negro restauranteurs. The pact was signed by the Federated Hotel Waiters Union, Local 356 (APL).

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## War Time Slavery Is a Sign of New Dark Ages

**How Long Will Intelligent Humanity  
Accept Economic Leadership That Is  
Kushing the World Back to Barbarism**

By SCOTT NEARING

German armies overran Poland in the late summer of 1939. The war lasted a fortnight, and ended five months ago. Poland was absorbed by Germany and Russia, and yet Polish prisoners of war are still working in Germany.

Disintegrated from Berlin, a report says, 210,000 Polish war prisoners are forced to work in German "industry" and agriculture. Farms, it is also announced that large numbers of Polish Warsaw and other cities are under German control. In total, that 200,000 of these Polish civilians will be shipped to Germany to join the Polish war prisoners as impressed workers.

Class of "Untouchables"—The better trained Poles will be sent to mines and factories. The less skilled will be employed in farm gangs and road gangs.

The Poles who make in this new labor force are forbidden to live with Germans, to attend church with Germans or to live in peace with the German population. German clerics talking to Poles or drinking beer with them have been punished for

fraternization. The Poles doing forced labor in Germany are treated as social outcasts and members of an inferior racial group.

These reports sound a warning. The Reich is taking the next logical step. The surplus civilian population as well as the captured soldiers must be fed. If they are to eat, they must work. And if their forces can be advantageously used for five months or five years after the end of a war, they may be permanently employed by the victorious nation.

Step by step Europe retreats from Victorian enlightenment toward the shadow of the New Dark Ages. War requirements are forcing the profit power down the western world to new lows of folly and iniquity.

How long will the massed decent human beings accept such leadership? How soon will they take the necessary steps to insure peace, abundance and a new dawn of freedom?

## High Production Falls To Aid Unemployed

WASHINGTON—While industrial activity during December reached the highest level on record—above that in the "prosperity" period of 1929—there was no corresponding increase in the number of workers. WPA Administrator F. C. Harington announced:

## Cochrane Polishers Get Blower

**IWW Demand, Promise  
Of Action Bring  
Result in Brass Shop**

CLEVELAND—(WNS)—Just four weeks have elapsed since the Cochrane Polishers got a raise and gained their sixth wage increase from the company. Now once again, the shop committee reports that another demand has been won, this time for new and adequate blowers demanded by the brass department.

When this demand was brought up four weeks ago the company said: "It costs over \$500 to install a new blower." The rank and file workers refused to regard this as satisfactory answer and they declared then, "We will use these machines to protect our health or sitdown until we get them."

At that time one of the workers predicted that "with this militant attitude of the rank and file IWW members on the job, it's a cinch."

With the pushers have their new blower? It looks like the rub-buffers and cold buffers are next on the list for a newer and better blower system.

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## Wants Money to Aid Victims of System

WASHINGTON—Adoption of a resolution to collect money to aid and improve health in those parts of the nation which need most and can afford it least was asked of Congress by Pres. Roosevelt in a special message.

**Communist Union Seeks to Save Prestige  
By Claiming to Be Dual to MTW of IWW**

## Cleveland IWW Smokes Out Boss Who Tries to Hide Behind AFL

AND HER NAME IS NELL R. BEE (NLRB)



The lady dances, the mob cheers  
The boss in his box sits and leers,

For well he knows at the end of the show,  
To whose bed the wench will go.

## But Seamen Who Know the Score See NMU Only as Party's Fink Herding Outfit, and Have Facts to Prove It

**NORFOLK, Va.—(WNS)—**The National Maritime Union claims to be dual union to the IWW. This wild and flagrantly untrue statement shows the degeneracy to which the NMU has come. It is the purest pretension to unionism the Comrads can claim. It should be understood by all Comrads now and hereafter that there is only one IWW and that the same token there is only one union. None of the rackets in the CIO or the AFL can truthfully claim they are dual to the IWW.

Officially, the MTW is on record to criticize the NMU constructively, as Wobblies we know so much of the history of the blackmailing of members and their extension on framed-up charges that we can do nothing less than battle to the commy clique in control. Reviewing the outstanding events in the NMU may entail some repetition but it will show the seamen have been taken for a big fall since the Communist party captured the NMU.

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**Great Lakes Funds**  
The NMU has been with the slogan, "Take the money and run," and will burn it on the steps of the Capitol! Last year 22,000 fink books were issued and NMU members from Duluth to Corpus Christi are carrying them.

The Great Lakes Organizing Committee never gave an account of the funds spent by them, but it is well known that they were issued to men, Farmers, Whalen, Jones, Rogers and Mullens all had their hands in the pie up to their elbows. Mullens was transferred to Washington as Legislative representative when it was discovered that he was several hundred dollars short in his account.

The party's orders to him were: "See that your wife (a Catholic) joins the CP or else." He joined the Maritime Commission.

The NMU membership in Buffalo found such evidence of diversion of funds to the CP that they elected an investigating committee to go over the books. The CP countered by calling in CP members, from other Lake Ports, at least one of these rats never even had an NMU book. Headed by No-Coffee-Time Curran, this conference expelled the investigating committee.

Fellow Worker Hughes was born in Belligham, Wash., June 26, 1912. His first job was as a waiter. He was very active in the fight and struggle of the seamen for the better things of life. And so, we quote:

"Heart that was brave in freedom's holy train,  
Strong to break the master's cruel chain.  
Here by your grace, we pledge  
ourselves anew!

Never to rest until our dreams come true!"

—Press Card 42.

ers Club, had all the appearance of a fake engineered by the CP itself. Look at the "Rank & File Pilot" blasted by the plain people, agreed, a legitimate bluf, and then later made a Moscow confession that it was a ship-owner's plot. Curran, the leading light in the Mariners Club, came through with another Moscow confession to the same effect. The CP, however, was not to be beaten, and the same token the CIO or the AFL can truthfully claim they are dual to the IWW.

Proof of the IWW contention is furnished in the form of a state statement from employees which clearly refutes the claim of Mr. Mitchell that he is the sole representative of the rank and file.

It is the opinion of the IWW that he, his chief off-shore, is, in fact, the chosen of the employees. The statement addressed to the NMU, is as follows:

"I do not wish to be represented by any AFL affiliate under any name. I want to be represented by a collective bargaining agent. Metal and Machinery Workers Industrial Union No. 440 of the IWW. Please arrange an election as soon as possible."

After receiving many of these unfair applications signed by the workers on the job, a statement was issued, stating in part:

"Hitherto, most of you, perhaps thought there was no escape from the hideous form of slavery the bosses imposed upon you. You were living in the AFL unions and checking off your dues without consulting yourself. We are here today to tell you that there is still hope, that there is yet some freedom left in America!

If you are really dissatisfied with the existing set-up, you can rid yourself of the rank and file employer has been high off.

**Blackmailing the Finks**

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The machinery the New Deal has set up to help settle disputes between employers and workers is well adapted to curb labor's freedom of action, if not power, in the future. It is a gift of a "democratic" government which is loaded with possibilities in the form of advantages to the most favored section of the employing class and dangers to militant labor unionism.

The National Labor Relations machine complements the centralization of wealth control. It is an inevitable development in capitalist economy. Its present name, personnel, and system of administration may be changed but the substance of the will remain as a fixture in this present system of labor exploitation. Very likely, in fact, it will outlast the system.

Every one of the advanced capitalist nations has adopted, step by step, a course in social legislation and in each case the relations between employers and employees "constituted a major portion of the new body of laws, rules, and regulations. Just as maturing capitalism has produced means to regulate production of commodities in a manner to protect profits, so, too, it finds the means to safeguard its control over labor—to also protect profits. A too prodigal waste of the human raw material that goes into creation of wealth cannot for long be tolerated. The robbers barons that control the world are perpetually preparing for war or are at war against one another. They need soldiers, they need workers. They can no longer afford what is probably the natural, capitalistic instinct and let the "surplus" population live out from starvation.

Moreover, capitalism requires efficient production and interruption of production through strikes is a painful thing to capitalists, especially when these come at a time when profits are flowing copiously into their coffers. Individually, capitalists are, of course, indifferent to how labor fares so long as their own incomes are not in immediate danger. But collectively, as represented by modern "progressive" government, capitalism is in these days taking a keen interest in what goes on within the shop.

**MR. SMITH**

The Mr. Smith of the currently famous movie) who went to Washington, didn't solve anything. If he represents the highest and intelligent producing class of America he will have to apply himself to the job of getting labor organized right in order to fix things so the boys and girls of this land will have plenty of food, air, and sunshine.

The trouble is the Mr. Smiths are too much absorbed with the great things the Lincoln had to spend any time figuring on what this modern job of emancipation calls for.

**DECLINE**

This story may be read in the history of any conservative union.

First, in its formative period, the union calls on all the militant elements within hearing for support. It needs militancy, it needs good job action, it needs men not afraid of the boss and not afraid to lose a job now and then. The union makes a great show of being, of, by itself for labor. It sings the praises of unity, democracy, rank and file rule, the right of the dues-paying member to decide policies as well as to carry them out.

But when the conservative union has acquired some measure of strength and has become entrenched behind a few agreements with the leading employer sitting on a fair treasury and the dues rolling in—the scene changes. The union doesn't want militants; they find a lot of things on and around the job that ought to be changed. They want to use job action, go on strike, and make more and more demands to improve conditions and wages. That doesn't suit the leadership.

So the professional picnickers proceed to暮去 the militants by kick or by crack. Today it's the National Maritime Union, tomorrow it's time to shake off all those who have in the past given it whatever reason it may once have had to call itself a union. The experience is not new; it has been repeated again and again, and will be repeated so long as good union men allow themselves to be fooled with the notion that anything but the IWW is worthy to be called a labor union in this respect.

Meanwhile, labor cannot take an ostrich attitude and simply ignore the employers' new regulatory system as embodied in this country, in the New Deal labor laws. They are a factor to consider, just as the high barbed-wire fences around big steel plants in Pennsylvania.

To say to an employer, "You are violating the law made by your own class" and to prove it is departure on the part of labor from its most militant traditions. Radical and revolutionary workers are often thrown that harpoon at the bosses something with effect! The danger lies only in the strong tendency of workers to place reliance in the assurances of officials and in the apparent promises of the law. This is so evident that they are apt to forget they are fighting a ruthless enemy, that they are not dealing on equal terms with a fellow businessman, when they argue with their employer about wages, hours, and conditions.

There is no doubt that government and capitalists hope, with the aid of conservative labor organizations, to put a stop to direct action on the job and to curb strikes and eventually eliminate

them entirely. Should they succeed, even partially, in this program, it will be a bad day for labor. The small blessings that new laws have brought for labor in some few spots will immediately disappear when the employing class discovers the workers have been weaned away from direct action.

The hope for labor in the future as in the past lies in being ever prepared to strike effectively and with force. The ultimate hope of labor, or its realization, lies in the formation of a powerful, prepared enough organization in one big union, that it will have the power to shut down industry in a general strike in pursuit of its final aim, the emancipation of the working class.

Such power in the hands of the workers is not in the purpose and intent of the master class when it hands workers a plan to settle its disputes with the employers peacefully.

The story is told of a farmer who bought a horse and who found, after stabling it, that it would not eat the feed placed in the manger. A little later, the critter also refused water.

The farmer's eyes gleamed hopefully.

"Bogolly," he said, "if only this nag turns out to be a good worker, what a bargain I've made."

That's the way individual employers would like to solve the labor problem.

**MACHINES**

Displacement of men by machines in industry does not slacken even though the army of surplus labor shows little sign of diminishing in size.

One of the industries hardest hit in this respect is coal mining. The machine loader has already done much to relieve miners of back-breaking toll and of jobs. The process continues.

A recent WPA report forecasts that if the present trend in replacement of men by machines in the soft coal industry continues for 10 years in every four quinners need to keep up the coal supply will be eliminated.

Of course, the coal mining industry suffers also from competition from other fuels—from electricity and oil. Between 1929 and 1935, it is reported, out-put per man-hour in underground mines increased five per cent and production declined 32 per cent.

The shorter work-day is the solution. Real industrial unionism in the mining industry with rank and file control will solve the problem of technological progress the workers' way.

**MR. SMITH**

The Mr. Smith of the currently famous movie) who went to Washington, didn't solve anything. If he represents the highest and intelligent producing class of America he will have to apply himself to the job of getting labor organized right in order to fix things so the boys and girls of this land will have plenty of food, air, and sunshine.

The trouble is the Mr. Smiths are too much absorbed with the great things the Lincoln had to spend any time figuring on what this modern job of emancipation calls for.

**DECLINE**

This story may be read in the history of any conservative union.

First, in its formative period, the union calls on all the militant elements within hearing for support. It needs militancy, it needs good job action, it needs men not afraid of the boss and not afraid to lose a job now and then. The union makes a great show of being, of, by itself for labor. It sings the praises of unity, democracy, rank and file rule, the right of the dues-paying member to decide policies as well as to carry them out.

But when the conservative union has acquired some measure of strength and has become entrenched behind a few agreements with the leading employer sitting on a fair treasury and the dues rolling in—the scene changes. The union doesn't want militants; they find a lot of things on and around the job that ought to be changed. They want to use job action, go on strike, and make more and more demands to improve conditions and wages. That doesn't suit the leadership.

So the professional picnickers proceed to暮去 the militants by kick or by crack. Today it's the National Maritime Union, tomorrow it's time to shake off all those who have in the past given it whatever reason it may once have had to call itself a union. The experience is not new; it has been repeated again and again, and will be repeated so long as good union men allow themselves to be fooled with the notion that anything but the IWW is worthy to be called a labor union in this respect.

Meanwhile, labor cannot take an ostrich attitude and simply ignore the employers' new regulatory system as embodied in this country, in the New Deal labor laws. They are a factor to consider, just as the high barbed-wire fences around big steel plants in Pennsylvania.

To say to an employer, "You are violating the law made by your own class" and to prove it is departure on the part of labor from its most militant traditions. Radical and revolutionary workers are often thrown that harpoon at the bosses something with effect! The danger lies only in the strong tendency of workers to place reliance in the assurances of officials and in the apparent promises of the law. This is so evident that they are apt to forget they are fighting a ruthless enemy, that they are not dealing on equal terms with a fellow businessman, when they argue with their employer about wages, hours, and conditions.

There is no doubt that government and capitalists hope, with the aid of conservative labor organizations, to put a stop to direct action on the job and to curb strikes and eventually eliminate

them entirely. Should they succeed, even partially, in this program, it will be a bad day for labor. The small blessings that new laws have brought for labor in some few spots will immediately disappear when the employing class discovers the workers have been weaned away from direct action.

The hope for labor in the future as in the past lies in being ever prepared to strike effectively and with force. The ultimate hope of labor, or its realization, lies in the formation of a powerful, prepared enough organization in one big union, that it will have the power to shut down industry in a general strike in pursuit of its final aim, the emancipation of the working class.

Such power in the hands of the workers is not in the purpose and intent of the master class when it hands workers a plan to settle its disputes with the employers peacefully.

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